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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-32. (Canceled).

33. (Original) ~~A drilling or servicing fluid composition comprising:
an aqueous liquid as the continuous phase;
one or more surfactants;
aphrons; and
one or more aphron stabilizers, wherein at least one of said aphron stabilizers comprises
polyvinyl alcohol.~~

34. (Currently amended) ~~The composition according to claim 33 wherein the aphron stabilizer
further~~ A drilling or servicing fluid composition comprising:
an aqueous liquid as the continuous phase;
one or more surfactants;
aphrons; and
one or more aphron stabilizers, wherein at least one of said aphron stabilizers comprises a mixture of
polyvinyl alcohol and betaine or a mixture of polyvinyl alcohol and, alkyl ether sulfate, or a
combination of those mixtures thereof.

35. (Currently amended) ~~The composition according to claim 34~~ A drilling or servicing fluid
composition comprising:
an aqueous liquid as the continuous phase;
one or more surfactants;
aphrons; and

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one or more aphron stabilizers, wherein at least one said aphron stabilizer comprises polyvinyl alcohol, and the composition comprises from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight aphron stabilizer.

36. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~33~~ 34 further comprising one or more viscosifiers.

37. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~33~~ 34 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 20 hours.

38. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~33~~ 34 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 75 hours.

39. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~33~~ 34 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 150 hours.

40. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~33~~ 34 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 200 hours.

41. (New) The composition according to claim 35 further comprising one or more viscosifiers.

42. (New) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 20 hours.

43. (New) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 75 hours.

44. (New) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 150 hours.

45. (New) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 200 hours.